

SUBSIDY RATE CALCULATION

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on “Subsidy Rate Calculation: Unfair Tax on Small Business.” Testimony was heard from Nancy Dorn, Deputy Director, OMB; Hector V. Barreto, Jr., Administrator, SBA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—PORT SECURITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on Port Security: Shipping Containers. Testimony was heard from Capt. Anthony Regalbuto, USCG, Chief, Port Security, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; Richard Larrabee, Director, Port Commerce, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; and public witnesses.

WATER QUALITY FINANCING ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on the Water Quality Financing Act of 2002. Testimony was heard from Benjamin H. Grumbles, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Water, EPA; and public witnesses.

DVA INFORMATION PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs Information program, with a review of VA's integrated systems architecture plan, Veterans Benefits Administration's VETSNET program, information security, Veterans Health Administration's Decision Support Systems, and the Government Computer-Based Patient Record Program. Testimony was heard from David L. McClure, Director, Accounting and Information Management Issues, GAO; from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Richard Griffin, Inspector General; and John A. Gauss, Assistant Secretary, Information Technology; and a public witness.

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Ways and Means: Approved Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2003 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

UNMANNED VEHICLE PROGRAMS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on Unmanned Vehicle Programs. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST of March 12, 2002, p. D215)

S. 1206, to reauthorize the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965. Signed on March 12, 2002. (Public Law 107-149)

H.R. 1892, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the acceptance of an affidavit of support from another eligible sponsor if the original sponsor has died and the Attorney General has determined for humanitarian reasons that the original sponsor's classification petition should not be revoked. Signed on March 13, 2002. (Public Law 107-150)

H.R. 3699, to revise certain grants for continuum of care assistance for homeless individual and families. Signed on March 13, 2002. (Public Law 107-151)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
MARCH 14, 2002**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine the current economy and its impact on seniors, focusing on funds for Medicaid, health, and senior services, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine farm economy and rural sector issues, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of the Treasury, 2 p.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Education, 2:30 p.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine regional emergency planning for the Nation's Capital, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the atomic energy defense activities of the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Army modernization and transformation, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to resume oversight hearings to examine accounting and investor protection issues raised by the Enron situation, and other public companies, focusing on the accounting profession, audit quality and independence, and formulation of accounting principles, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of JoAnn Johnson, of Iowa, and Deborah Matz, of New York, each to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, 3 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings on S. 1991, to establish a national rail passenger transportation system, reauthorize Amtrak, and improve security and service on Amtrak, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Health Care, to hold hearings to examine reimbursement and access to prescription drugs under Medicare Part B, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings on the nomination of Richard Monroe Miles, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to Georgia; the nomination of James W. Pardew, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria; the nomination of Peter Terpeluk, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg; and the nomination of Lawrence E. Butler, of Maine, to be Ambassador to The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the future of American steel, focusing on ensuring the viability of the industry and the health care and retirement security for workers, 2 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings on the President's budget request for Indian programs for fiscal year 2003, 10 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine competition, innovation, and public policy concerning digital creative works, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1356, to establish a commission to review the facts and circumstances surrounding injustices suffered by European Americans, Europeans Latin Americans, and European refugees during World War II; S. 924, to provide reliable officers, technology, education, community prosecutors, and training in our neighborhoods; S. Res. 207, designating March 31, 2002, and March 31, 2003, as "National Civilian Conservation Corps Day"; S. Res. 206, designating the week of March 17 through March 23, 2002 as "National Inhalants and Poison Prevention Week"; S. Res. 221, to commemorate and acknowledge the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers; and pending nominations, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the Gold Star Wives of America, the Fleet Reserve Association, the Air Force Sergeants Association, and the Retired Enlisted Association, 10 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Robert H. Roswell, of Florida, to be Under Secretary for Health, and the nomination of Daniel L. Cooper, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Benefits, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 2 p.m., SR-418.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on Food Safety and Inspection Service, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary, on State Department-International Organizations, 10 a.m., and on NOAA, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Fiscal Year 2003 Army Budget Overview, 9:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Department of Energy-Nuclear Waste Management and Disposal, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, oversight hearing on Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Service and Education, on National Institutes of Health Panel: From Bench to Bedside and Beyond, 9:45 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, on Member of Congress, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service and General Government on OMB, 10 a.m., and on Executive Office of the President, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Community Development Financial Institutions, 10 a.m., and on National Institute of Environmental Health Services, 11 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, to continue hearings on the fiscal year 2003 National Defense Authorization budget request, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Special Oversight Panel on the Merchant Marine, hearing on the fiscal year 2003 Maritime Administration Authorization budget request, 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Readiness, hearing on environmental and encroachment issues, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings on the Financial Collapse of Enron Corp., focusing on Enron's inside and outside counsel, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on the Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2002, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, to consider H.R. 2941, Brownfields Redevelopment Enhancement Act; followed by a hearing entitled "Review of the Community Development Block Grant Program," 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to consider the following: H.R. 3340, to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow certain catch-up contributions to the Thrift Savings Plan to be made by participants age 50 or over; H.R. 3921, Acquisition Streamlining Improvement Act; the Federal Property Asset Management Reform Act of 2002; the Freedom to Telecommute Act of 2002; the Digital Tech Corps Act of 2001; and a draft report entitled "Justice Undone: Clemency Decisions in the Clinton White House," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on the Afghanistan Freedom Support Act of 2002, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on "Patent Law and Non-Profit Research Collaboration," 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on the Office of Justice Programs Part Three-Waste, Fraud and Abuse, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on "FY 2003 U.S. Geological Survey, Minerals Management Service and Office of Surface Mining Reclamation & Enforcement Budgets," 10 a.m., 1309 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands and the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, joint hearing on H.R. 3558, Species Protection and Conservation of the Environment Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards, to mark up H.R. 3389, National Sea Grant College Program Act Amendments of 2002; followed by a hearing on Technology Administration: Review and Reauthorization, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation and the Subcommittee on Railroads, joint oversight hearing on Reauthorization of the National Transportation Safety Board, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, oversight hearing on Financial Responsibility for Port Security, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up H.R. 3669, Employee Retirement Savings Bill of Rights, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Rationalizing Medicare Supplemental Insurance, 2:15 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, meeting with a former member of the National Commission terrorism, 11:30 a.m., and, executive, meeting with the British House of Commons Northern Ireland Affairs Committee, 2:30 p.m.,

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